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DRY FORCES USE STEAM ROLLER

Commissioner of Prohibition to be Elected By Legislature

SUBSTITUTE IS LOST

Acrimonious Discussion Over Alleged Political Activity of Anti-Saloon League of Virginia.

Richmond, Feb. 19.—Rejecting the Strode substitute, which placed upon the Governor the responsibility of taking care that the prohibition laws of the State are enforced, the Senate yesterday, by a vote of 33 to 6, adopted in its entirety section 32 of the Mapp bill, by a vote 33 to 6, adoption whose sole duty it shall be to prosecute violations of the prohibition act.

Final settlement of what promises to be the most hotly contested feature of the measure designed to make statutory provision for carrying into effect the State's new policy of dealing with the liquor problem came shortly before 6 o'clock. Senator Strode, leader of the insurgent prohibition forces and patron of the substitute section, concluded the argument with an appeal to the Senate to vote with only one end in view—the good of the Commonwealth.

The official vote on the adoption of the Strode substitute stood as follows:

Ayes—Addison, Cannon, Downing, Gavatt, Strode, Wendenburg—6.

Noes—Allen, Andrews, Baughman, Bowers, Byrd, Conrad, Corbitt, Davis, Drewery, Early, Garrett, Gayle, Goodloe, Goodrick, Gunn, Henning, Holt, Jeffreys, Jordan, Lacy, Mapp, Matthews, Pileher, Rhinehart, Rison, Robertson, Royall, Saunders, Thornton, Trinkle, Walker, Webb, West—33.

Not voting—Buchanan.

Reiteration of charges that the Anti-Saloon League played a prominent part in naming the committees of the Senate brought forth a strenuous denial from Senator West, a member of the Steering Committee, that his action had been in any way influenced by an alien organization.

Prompted by a remark made by Senator Strode, that he thought it strange that the charges made on the day preceding had not elicited a word of explanation from those whom they affected, the Senator from Nansemond rose to a point of personal privilege and heatedly asserted that he was willing to resign his position on committees and make room for dissatisfied Senators.

In the midst of the Senator's heated outburst Senator Goodrick rose from his seat and asked if it was not a fact that a list of names selected by the Anti-Saloon League had been submitted to prospective members of the Steering Committee, and they were appointed to their positions under an agreement to appoint the committees from the list submitted "I take the responsibility of my action," said Senator West, "and will stand by my appointments."

Later in the discussion, when asked by Senator Addison if such a list from which he would be pledged to name committeemen in case he was honored with membership on the Steering Committee had been submitted, he positively denied any such transaction, saying that he wore no man's collar and acted on his own responsibility.

Sensor Mapp leader of the orthodox prohibition forces, and sponsor for the measure that bears his name deprecated the division in the "dry" ranks with respect to the commission-ership feature of the measure.

The alarm of fire about ten o'clock this morning was caused by the discovery of a blaze in a house on Peyton street, near the Stone Bridge. It was extinguished before any serious damage resulted.

STEAMED OYSTERS AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT OF KING STREET. NORFOLK OYSTERS A SPECIALTY

DR. J. M. GARNETT DEAD.

Former President of College and Confederate Veteran Succumbs After Brief Illness.

Dr. James Mercer Garnett, former president of St. John's College, died yesterday at his home, 1210 Bolton street, Baltimore, after a brief illness. He was 75 years old.

Dr. Garnett was a scholar of rare ability, having taken his degree of master of arts at the University of Virginia in two years. He was graduated in 1850. He was an LL.D. of St. John's College and was president of the college from 1870 to 1880. He was also professor of English at the University of Virginia from 1882 to 1896 since which time he has lived in Baltimore. He also served at one time as professor of Greek in the Louisville State University.

Dr. Garnett held numerous literary honors, among them being the presidency of the American Philological Association and of the American Dialect Society and the vice-presidency of the Modern Language Association of America. He was the author and editor of various textbooks.

Dr. Garnett always took great interest in Confederate matters, having been an officer in the famous "Stonewall Brigade" and in the Rockbridge Artillery.

Dr. Garnett was for many years a member of the University Club and at the time of his death was a vestryman of Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church.

Dr. Garnett is survived by his widow, who was Miss Kate M. Noland, a daughter of the late Maj. Burr P. Noland, of Virginia; by a son, James Mercer Garnett, Jr., and a sister, Miss Ella T. Garnett, of Washington, D. C.

Judge Theodore S. Garnett, who died a short time ago in Norfolk, Va., was Dr. Garnett's only brother.

DEATH OF CROWN PRINCE

Yussuf Izzedin's Cries Heard By Women in Palace.

Athens, Feb. 19.—The following details of the death of the Turkish Crown Prince, Yussuf Izzedin, have been given me by a reliable correspondent in Constantinople:

"The assassination occurred at 7 o'clock in the morning at the Prince's country palace at Zinzirkuyu. The body was found lying on the floor of the passage leading from the Harem to the bathrooms. It was bathed in blood the veins of the left arm were open and on the body were several black marks, suggesting that a struggle preceded the forcible opening of the veins. In the mouth was a white cloth, evidently used as a gag.

"The prince's cries and struggles seemed to have been heard by the women of the harem and the domestics who rushed to the scene and prevented the assassins from clearing away the traces of the crime before they fled. Soon after the murder the women and the domestics were taken away under escorts."

ALLEGED COURT INTRIGUE

Von Bernstorff's Attempts to Prevent Rupture are Contested.

London, Feb. 19.—Court intrigue at Berlin has arisen to make more serious the situation between the United States and Germany. The information concerning the inner jealousies of the Berlin court comes in a dispatch to the London Times from a Scandinavian correspondent.

The correspondent says that Dr. Solf, the colonial secretary has ambition to succeed to the foreign office after the war. He finds in Count J. H. von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador at Washington, his chief rival.

Out of this situation the difficulties of the Washington negotiations grow. The efforts of Count von Bernstorff have been toward keeping peace and good relations with the United States. His rivals at home are said to be making his pathway hard by interposing objections to such concessions as the Ambassador asks Berlin to make in the interest of harmony.

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ACTION AGAINST HOWARD T. COLVIN

Federation of Labor Seeks Accounting and Return of Books.

SUIT FILED BY BOARD

Litigation Grows Out of Publication of Periodical Known as "Union News" and "Souvenir"

Richmond, Feb. 19.—The executive board of the Virginia Federation of Labor, suing on behalf of themselves and other members of the organization, they related, filed an action in equity in the Law and Equity Court yesterday afternoon, requiring Howard T. Colvin, secretary-editor of the federation, to make a full accounting of the funds that had come into his hands through his connection with the federation; and that he be required to turn over to the board all contracts, books, papers and other property in his possession.

The executive board, composed of R. E. L. Heckman, F. S. Lyons, W. E. Nickols, W. E. Doherty, W. R. Hamilton, C. H. Perry, W. D. Morgan and J. B. Clinebinst, relate that they were elected to the board at the last annual meeting of the Virginia Federation of Labor, held in Fredericksburg, on June 1 of last year, and that they are empowered to act in all matters concerning the business and affairs of the organization. There are more than 20,000 members of the organization, and it is impossible to make them all parties of the suit, they said.

They represent that Colvin held the office of secretary-editor of the federation, and published for and in the name of the federation a newspaper, known as "Union News." This newspaper was established in July, 1913, and published from August, 1913, to February, 1914, when it was discontinued temporarily. Publication was resumed in July, 1914 and continued until October, 1914.

The federation, they state in their petition, also published a yearly book known as the "Souvenir Program," for which bids were received by the executive board and the contract awarded to the most satisfactory bidder. The contract provided that the federation was to receive a certain part of the receipts collected by the publisher from all sources, the publisher bearing all expenses incidental to the publication of the book.

After the contract was let by the board, the petitioners allege, Colvin represented the federation in all transactions with the publisher and collected its share of the receipts, which it was his duty to pay into the treasury of the organization. They allege that in the publication of the newspaper and book he handled a large sum of money and had charge of a number of valuable books, papers and contracts of the federation, and its records since it was organized, twenty years ago.

Colvin, they charge, has failed and refused to make a complete accounting of the funds received and distributed by him, and that while they have no way of knowing the amount of money handled by him, they are advised the total amounts to more than \$10,000. He refused to turn over to his successor the papers, books and contracts that came into his hands as secretary-editor, which are necessary for the intelligent conduct of the affairs of the federation. They pray that the court may require him to file his answer to the charges, and that he may be required to turn over all property of the organization in his possession.

It is understood that Mr. Colvin will contest the claim, holding that the funds in his hands are his commissions for work in connection with the publications.

DEATH NOTICE

James S. Groves, died Thursday evening at 11 o'clock. Funeral services will be held from Christ Church, Sunday, at 3 p. m. Friends are invited.

Read the big GAZETTE Offer on Page (4).

LOCAL BREVITIES

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Frank Gross and Sadie Moore, both of Alexandria.

Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, of Washington, will address a men's meeting at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Richmond theatre under the auspices of the laymen's league. His subject is "Seeing Life."

Funeral services for James S. Groves, who died Thursday night in Washington, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from Christ Episcopal Church, and will be conducted by the Rev. W. J. Morton, rector.

The February term of the circuit court of Alexandria county with judge J. B. T. Thornton presiding, will be opened tomorrow morning with a number of criminal cases docketed for hearing. The court will be in session for a week.

Robert F. Knox, auctioneer sold today a lot of ground and improvements on the west side of Union street between King and Prince, also a lot of ground with improvements in the square bounded by King, Prince, Lee and Union streets to Robert H. Cox, for \$850.

A meeting of the Woman's Equal Suffrage Party will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the Young People's Building under the auspices of the Congressional Union. Miss Maud Younger, of California and Mr. Barton, of Industrial Relations Committee, will be among the speakers.

PROTECTION FROM ZEPPELINS

French Professor Invents Cold Air Light to Baffle Germans

Paris, Feb. 18.—A cold light for locating Zeppelins at any height or behind thick banks of clouds is expected to be utilized shortly by France.

French war office experts are now experimenting with a new type of searchlight proposed by the French professor, Dussaud inventor of the cold light, which will throw a blinding beam to unheard of altitudes and betray the Zeppelins to the French batteries and aeroplanes.

Prof. Dussaud's cold light is generated by utilizing nearly one hundred per cent of the electric current for illuminating instead of losing nearly 80 or 90 per cent of the power in generating useless heat, as in the ordinary electric lighting system.

The war office hopes the system will produce a searchlight five times stronger than the old types, with over 100,000 candle power.

The new lights will absolutely blind everything in their path and bore a luminous hole through the heaviest cloud strata.

WAR WILL END IN DRAW?

Hollanders Do Not Believe Germany Can Be Crushed.

London, Feb. 19.—Most Hollanders now believe the war will end in a draw. This information is gleaned from recent conversations with Dutch leaders at The Hague and in Rotterdam and from well-informed Hollanders here.

The Dutch believe Germany has accomplished about all she is going to accomplish in the war. Being in close touch with Germany, they realize that the Germans are suffering severely. Nevertheless the Dutch do not believe that Germany can be crushed. They think she can hold out indefinitely, no matter how terribly she may suffer or how great permanent damage may be wrought to her people by continuing the war.

The Hollanders believe that both sides will find a deadlock has been reached and will be ready for peace about the end of the present year.

Dutch leaders will be satisfied with this solution. They believe a decided victory for one side or the other would be detrimental to Holland's interests. They think the victor would insist on complete control of the River Scheldt, paring off a slice of Dutch territory.

The Dutch sympathize a little more with Germany than with the allies, perhaps because of English Commercial restrictions. They fear England more than they do Germany. They no longer consider Germany capable of a successful aggressive move against Holland, but they realize the possible effects of a complete British blockade of their coast.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE IS DEFEATED

Bill Fails in House of Delegates by Only Seven Votes

CAUSE IS HOPELESS

Although There Was a Strong Presentation Made of the Right of Women to Vote.

Richmond, Feb. 19.—Equal suffrage was defeated in the House yesterday by 7 votes.

The bill received 40 of the 92 votes cast.

There were 52 negative votes. In 1914 the bill received only 13 votes; in 1912 it received 13 votes.

The vote yesterday indicates, suffrage leaders declare, a certain victory in 1918.

The bill was not to give women the vote. It was to let the people vote on a constitutional amendment extending the suffrage privilege to women.

While the majority against the bill was 12 votes, a change of 7 votes would have resulted in an equal suffrage victory.

Mr. Birrell, of Alexandria, voted for the bill.

Lindsay Gordon, of Louisa, closing for the bill scornfully assailed what he characterized as the doubtful chivalry of the opposition. He said he was not afraid of his wife. He believed the women of Virginia should no longer have their hands tied. The last stigma of the degradation of the middle ages should be removed, although he said, the "whiskey trust" opposes it, and organized evil in Virginia will tremble in fear and agony and with good reason, when women are allowed to vote.

He offered an amendment to the bill which would permit only those women to vote who own property worth \$100. The amendment was to protect the whites, he explained, in the "black counties."

Hugh White, of Rockbridge, speaking against the bill, said the negroes were anxiously waiting for equal suffrage, for then all the negro women would want to vote. He said equal suffrage rights would mean equal race rights and would tend to a reversal to barbarism, since it would strip woman of her refinement.

Where equal suffrage prevails women have wrinkles and lines in their faces, he said, and have hawk-like faces. Moreover, he said, it gave them a bad temper.

Women already have all the rights and privileges they want and need, he said, and the fact that equal suffrage is going instead of coming is proof enough that it is wrong.

At the end of a session behind closed doors Thursday night, the Senate Finance Committee last night reported for passage a group of revenue bills which provide as follows:

Merchant's licenses, minimum increased from \$5 to \$10.

Merchants' purchases in excess of \$100,000 tax increased from 10 cents to 20 cents on the \$100.

Franchise tax of railroad corporations, increased from 1-18 per cent of gross receipts from transportation to 1-14 per cent.

Tax on heat, light, water and power companies, increased in accordance with recommendations of State Auditor and Governor, so as to yield approximate additional revenue of \$27,000.

Soda fountains, license tax increased 50 per cent.

Manufacturers of soft drinks, license tax increased 50 per cent.

Assessments for unreported intangibles not to be made further back than the year 1912.

Liquor licenses going into effect after May 1 to expire on October 1, 1916, and charge to be made only for half the year.

By a vote of 57 to 24, the House of Delegates defeated the Browning bill, which proposed to restore the license tax on physicians that was abolished by the General Assembly of 1914.

Governor Stuart has signed the bill designed to prevent untrue, decep-

tive and misleading advertisements, the Stephenson antigambling bill, which makes it a misdemeanor to play any games of chance for money, and the bill giving courts power to suspend sentence in cases of conviction of first offenses of larceny and forgery.

PROPOSED CADET CORPS

Sufficient High School Boys Enlist to Form Organization

Announcement was made today by Conrad Johnson, principal of the Alexandria High School, that sufficient enlistments have been made to the cadet corps being organized in the high school to insure its success. Up to last night he had received 56 applications for membership in the company and a dozen more are expected. Measurement for the uniforms were taken today and they will be delivered about March 1st.

The contract for the uniforms was let to H. Friedlander. The committee on uniforms consisted of Conrad Johnson, J. D. McLean, T. C. Howard, C. M. Schwab and Mrs. C. W. Wattles.

It is expected that the company will be organized with three commissioned officers, a captain, first and second lieutenant, four sergeants and the same number of corporals. These officers will be selected during the coming week. Drills will be held three times a week.

Commencing on next Monday Conrad Johnson will be drill master and Douglass McLean who is a first lieutenant in the Alexandria Light Infantry will be in command. The company will secure rifle practice at Ensign's six miles south of here or at Ft. Foote, across the Potomac.

ALLIES SPURN PEACE OFFER

France Was to Share Lorraine; Alsace Get Autonomy.

Paris, Feb. 19.—It is reported that Germany has made new peace proposals to the entente allies. The report is that Germany has declared its willingness to reestablish generally the status before the war, to cede part of Lorraine to France and guarantee autonomy for Alsace. As to the terms on the other fronts nothing is known. It is understood that the proposals were accompanied with the threat that Germany would again attempt to crush France if the terms were refused. These proposals were immediately rejected by the allies.

There is a general feeling in Europe that Germany desires peace. Messages from Switzerland say that every one in that neutral state is convinced that this feeling is justified. Swiss military experts believe there is grave dissension in the German general staff as to what course the central powers should pursue. Troops have been transferred from one front to another aimlessly, and preparations made for attacks that never were delivered, all giving indication of restless confusion of orders.

BULGARIA NOT SO WAR LIKE

Ferdinand Said to be Desirous of Separate Peace.

London, Feb. 19.—The Daily News has received the following dispatch from its Rome correspondent:

"The sudden departure of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria from Vienna for Sofia is due to the news of the fall of Erzerum. This defeat will likely compel the Turks to withdraw all their troops which were destined to cooperate with the Bulgarians in defense of the Danube and the coasts of the Black Sea and Aegean Sea.

"Austro-German troops are not available to replace the Turks withdrawn from Bulgaria, and it is considered likely that it will be deemed unsafe to weaken the forces concentrated opposite Saloniki.

"Bulgaria is unable to rely on Austro-German aid against the threatened Russo-Romanian attack from the north and the Anglo-French offensive from the west.

"King Ferdinand has determined to save his country at any cost—even at that of seeking a separate peace."

MASONIC NOTICE

A called communication of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22 A. F. and A. M., will be held at their temple tomorrow, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of attending the funeral of their late brother, James S. Groves. Funeral services at Christ Church at 3 o'clock.

By Order of the W. M. A. G. UHLER Secretary.

RUSSIANS CHASE FOES IN BLIZZARD

Beaten From Erzerum Flee Westward Through Deep Snow

MANY OF THEM ESCAPE

Wiping Out Caucasus Base Makes Even Drive at City of Constantinople Possible.

Petrograd, Feb. 19.—The fall of Erzerum, the most important Turkish stronghold in Asia Minor and for a long time considered impregnable, offers the unprecedented spectacle of a first-class fortress built on a steep mountain ridge, nearly a mile above sea level, yielding to bayonet attack after only 36 hours' bombardment.

The operations were conducted under the most severe weather conditions, the snow being deep and the thermometer registering at times more than 30 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit.

The Turkish army defending Erzerum, taken by surprise under the methods adopted by the Russians, is now said to be in disorderly flight on the roads leading to Sivas. As the garrison apparently scattered in all directions, it is assumed here that large numbers of men were taken prisoner, although official figures are still lacking.

After the taking of Niskala, it appeared that the Russian attack would be directed upon the Turkish right flank, and by rapidly transferring troops the Turks made all plans to resist the main assault from this quarter.

Apparently they had little fear of the success of this attack, because of the strong character of the fortifications in that direction and even less apprehension of danger from a frontal attack.

Nevertheless, after the Russians succeeded in taking by storm the first line forts, on February 2, there began a persistent bombardment of the Turkish centre, followed by a bayonet charge, the impetuosity of which swept the defenders off their feet. The highest tribute is paid to the bravery of the Caucasian troops, whose charge is considered likely to go down in history as one of the most brilliant feats of the war.

It is recognized here that the success of the assault was due almost entirely to the bayonet work of these troops, since the artillery preparation was insufficient in intensity and duration, according to military experts, to reduce even a strong field position.

The wiping out of this Turkish base tends to disrupt the whole Caucasian campaign of the Turks, as it not only served as a base of the operations in the Caucasus, but also of those in Mesopotamia. Its fall leaves no strongly fortified point between Erzerum and Sivas, about 230 miles to the west, and brings more to the front consideration of an eventual attack upon Constantinople from the east.

FARMER BEATEN TO DEATH

John Boston, 70 years old, a farmer, was beaten to death yesterday at his home near Farmingdale, N. J. Emil Swentain, who was acquitted at Freehold three weeks ago on the charge of murdering Jane Acker, an aged recluse, found choked to death about a year ago, is charged with the murder. A nephew of the farmer, also known as John Boston, was beaten over the head by Swentain and was removed to a hospital in a serious condition. When Swentain was trapped by a posse of officers he attempted to cut his throat and was himself taken to a hospital. He is expected to recover. Swentain is believed to have attacked the elder Boston in his barn yesterday morning when a request for money was refused. He made the same request of the younger Boston, whom he struck over the head with a club when his appeal was denied.

WANTED—Five house Carpenters; two pipe fitters. Apply Dravo Contracting Co., Agnew Ship Yard. Alexandria, Va.